

New Nativity Church Choir Master Named

Laurence Sargent has been named new conductor and director of church music at Nativity Catholic Church, and will conduct the Missa Brevis by Carlo Rossini at the 11 a.m. Mass Sunday as his first presentation, according to Father Patrick J. McGuinness, pastor.

Sargent was director of the Basilica Choir in Minneapolis for many years prior to coming to California to live. He now lives in Torrance. He was also president of the Twin Cities Catholic Choirmasters Guild, the Twin

Cities Civic Opera Assn., and he has done extensive research work in liturgical music and is an exponent of the Gregorian Chant, Father McGuinness stated.

Nativity Church will celebrate an additional Mass each Sunday to accommodate the city's rapid population growth, the pastor announced. The new hours for Masses will be 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12:15.

3238 Persons Visit FAirfax Telephone Office

When the two-day telephone Open House ended last Friday night, an official count showed that 3238 Torrance telephone users, their friends and neighbors visited the show.

Manager Richard Eyle of Pacific Telephone said that the Open House programs were a big success from every standpoint. Visitors were able to see for themselves how their telephone system works. They learned many additional aspects of the communications business through demonstrations, exhibits and displays.

The programs, held at the dial building, 1807 Graves Ave., also enabled telephone people to become better acquainted with those they serve, the manager said.

Dance Will Be Page From Horror Comics

"On Halloween the Torrance Municipal Auditorium will become a scene from a horror comic magazine," states Miss Doris Avis, director of the Torrance Teen-agers. The Teen-agers will stage a costume ball with dancing to Star Frisina and his "Starlighters." There will be free favors and refreshments served to all attending and the ticket of admission will be only a membership card in the Torrance Teen-Age Club. The dance will begin at 8:30 p.m. and close at 11:30 p.m., according to Miss Avis. All Teen-agers in Torrance are invited to attend. Membership cards cost 50 cents and will be sold at the door that evening to those teenagers who have not secured one before. The Torrance Lions Club is sponsoring this dance and helping to defray expenses.

The Torrance Teen-Age Club holds dances every Saturday night at the Municipal Auditorium. The club is sponsored by the Recreation Department of Torrance. The sale of membership cards plus a small admission charge for some of the dances make the entire club self-supporting. Adult leadership is paid by the Recreation Department. Membership cards cost 50 cents and are sold twice a year, in September and March.

Admission charges usually are as follows: Every other Saturday a "live band" plays and the charge is 25 cents with a membership card, 75 cents without. On the other Saturdays, when dancing is to records, there is no admission charge to members; but non-members must pay 50 cents. Membership cards will be on sale for the next two months.

On Saturday record night dances the doors open at 7 p.m. Dancing starts at that time and continues till closing time at 11 p.m. On "live band" nights, dancing starts at 8:30 p.m. and runs until closing time at 11:30 p.m. Youth on their way home from this dance will not be apprehended by the police for being out after curfew as long as they are behaving themselves. But, they must be on their way home from the dance and not loitering along the way, claim recreation department officials.

No intoxicating liquor is permitted at the dance. Young men are not allowed to wear blue jeans to the dance, nor are the girls permitted to wear slacks.

The Torrance Teen-Age Club, originally organized as the Teen and Twenty Club and later as the Tartar Teens, was organized during the summer of 1949 by Miss Doris Avis and Rex Welch of the Torrance High School faculty. Welch is always employed by the Torrance Recreation Department. Miss Avis has remained as leader of the group, and at the present time is assisted by Miss Joan Melvin, member of the Torrance Police Department. Miss Avis is always in attendance at the dance to assist in its supervision.

Miss Melvin has been assisting with the supervision of the dance since the summer of 1951, and Sgt. D. C. Cook, of the Juvenile Department has been with the group for the past few years.

Before this group was formed there was no Saturday night program for the teen-agers; and this program has been extremely popular with the Torrance youth, especially during the school year.

The present staff of adult supervisors is well qualified to conduct this teenage dance program, the recreation department claims.

Miss Avis, who is the director of the teen-age club, is the present chairman of the Torrance High School Girls Physical Education Department and has been an employee of the School District since 1947. She is a graduate of Alhambra High School and the University of Southern California. She presently lives in the City of Torrance and has been in charge of the dance since its inception.

Sgt. D. C. Cook, juvenile officer, usually in attendance, is, at present, in charge of the TAPS, which is a teenage group of boys and girls sponsored by the Torrance Police Department.

"He was a local boy who grew up in Torrance, and he knows the problems of youth in this area. Sgt. Cook is respected because he is a square shooter who has the interest for the welfare of Torrance youth," states Miss Avis.

Miss Joan Melvin is a graduate of Torrance High School class of 1950. She has worked for the Recreation Department since that year and has worked with the teen-age dance since 1951. She is majoring in physical education at the present time. Her education at Long Beach State College.

"The Recreation Department and the leaders of the Teen-Age Club want to assure all parents in the Torrance area that every effort has been made in the past to provide the teen-agers with a well run dance and will continue to do so. All teen-agers are encouraged to attend these Saturday night dances and enter into the social whirl of the youth in Torrance," says Miss Avis.

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